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**POST-GRADUATE
LIBRARY ASSOCIATE
TRAINING PROGRAM
IN
BIOMEDICAL
COMMUNICATIONS**

The National Library of Medicine's Post-Graduate Library Associate Training Program in Biomedical Communications opens the doorway to an exciting new world of communications networks, information systems, and medical librarianship. The Program provides for:

APPOINTMENT AS AN NLM ASSOCIATE

One year of intensive training and education

Salary range of \$9,320 or above

Opportunity to attend local university courses

**Experience with programs in:
audiovisual techniques**

biomedical communications networks

specialized information services

**grants and contracts in support of
national biomedical communications**

**advanced medical library techniques
resources and services of the national
medical library**

NLM TRAINING PROGRAMS

The National Library of Medicine, with a Congressional mandate to apply its information resources broadly to the advance of the health sciences, uses computers and other new technological developments to accommodate the increasing volume of knowledge and to improve and accelerate the dissemina-

tion of biomedical information.

The Library has initiated programs to train personnel in the skills required for the effective operation of communication services for the biomedical community. A program of grants will help support traineeships and fellowships at public and private non-profit institutions. In addition to a career development program for its own staff and the training it carries out in support of its Regional Library Program, the Library offers a Post-Graduate Training Program in Biomedical Communications.

This program provides supervised training through a well-rounded curriculum in modern medical library science. After a year of intensive academic study and specialized work at the operational level Associates may apply for a career-conditional appointment at NLM or seek affiliation with other medical libraries.

APPLICATIONS

All applicants are required to file a **NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE INFORMATION SHEET.**

Deadline for filing applications is March 1.

Requests for application materials and further information should be directed to the Training Officer, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is divided into two phases. The introductory phase covers

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all program areas of the Library and includes lectures, seminars, demonstrations, practical experience, participation in staff meetings and orientation to the Library's computerized Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System (**MEDLARS**).

The second phase provides for concentrated research in the areas of the Associate's interest. The Associates throughout the year will make visits to area medical and research libraries, participate in local meetings and conferences of professional organizations, and may attend local university courses.

QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must be citizens of the United States and qualify under the Federal Civil Service regulations for appointment as a Librarian. Candidates are required to have a Master's degree in Library Science (earned before September 1 of the year of appointment) and reading competence in a modern foreign language. An undergraduate degree in science is preferred but is not a requirement.

APPOINTMENT

Associates are expected to stay at NLM for a full year of training, September 1 to August 31, under Federal Civil Service appointment. Appointments are generally made at the entering salary of GS-9.

The Library was founded in 1836 as the "Library of the Surgeon General's Office" (Army), and developed as a national resource under the leadership of John Shaw Billings, Librarian from 1865 to 1895. Named the Army Medical Library in 1922 and the Armed Forces Medical Library in 1952, it became part of the Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in 1956 and was designated the National Library of Medicine. In 1962 the Library occupied its new building, 12 miles from the Capitol, near the National Institutes of Health and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

The National Library of Medicine is the world's largest research library in a single scientific and professional field. The Library's holdings total nearly 1,300,000 books, journals, theses, pamphlets, prints, and microfilms. More than 70 languages are represented in the collection. Its History of Medicine Division contains the major world collection of historical medical documents.

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